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Response to Restriction Requirement

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 27, 2003, Applicants elect, without traverse, the claims of Group I (claims 1-19), which are drawn to a filter.

This election is made without prejudice to presenting the non-elected claims in divisional applications. Specifically, while Applicants make the election indicated herein. Applicants maintain the option to file divisional applications directed to the claims of Group II (claims 20-26), drawn to a disk drive; or to the claims of Group III (claims 27-30), drawn to a method of filtering.

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Respectfully submitted.

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